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For Use of Human Serum Resistant Vector Particles
and Cell Lines for Human Gene Therapy

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 1999, setting forth a restriction requirement, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-21, 36-38, and 41, directed to methods of a packaging cell line for generation of human serum-resistant retroviral particles (RVP), the packaging cell line so-produced, methods of preparing producer cells capable of producing human serum-resistant RVP, the producer cells so-produced, methods for preparing human serum-resistant RVP, the particles so-produced and methods of transferring a heterologous gene into a human cell using the RVP of the invention.

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